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SUBJECT: DUTCH INTEREST IN COMPETING FREELY TO SELL EQUIP-
MENT TO U.S. AGENCIES

REF: THE HAGUE 5852

1. U.S. APPRECIATES DUTCH INTEREST IN PROMOTING SALE OF
THEIR EQUIPMENT TO U.S. ENTITIES. IF DIRECTOR GENERAL
FOR INDUSTRY MOLKENBOER STILL PLANNING TO VISIT U.S.,
APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED.

2. CO-PRODUCTION OF F16 ITEMS IS GOVERNED BY MEMO OF
UNDERSTANDING (MOU) COVERING F16 SALE. INDUSTRIAL SUB-
COMMITTEE OF CONSORTIUM COUNTRIES HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR
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ALLOCATING CO-PRODUCTION ITEMS AMONG NATIONAL MEMBERS.

USG CANNOT UNILATERALLY INCREASE NETHERLANDS SHARE OF CO-
PRODUCTION UNDER MOU.

3. WITH REGARD TO F-27 MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT, F-28
AIRCRAFT, OSCILLOSCOPES AND DIESEL ENGINES, DOD IS NOT IN A
POSITION TO COMMENT AT THIS POINT, BUT WOULD BE AGREEABLE
TO MEETING WITH MOLKENBOER TO DISCUSS IN MORE DETAIL DUTCH
PROPOSALS INCLUDING APPLICABILITY OF BUY-AMERICAN ACT.

4. FOREIGN-BUILT OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING PLATFORMS UNDER
CONTROL OF U.S. CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PROHIBITED FROM
DRILLING WITHIN THE U.S. THREE MILE LIMIT OR ON THE CON-
TINENTAL SHELF. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TWO SUCH FOREIGN
PLATFORMS ARE CURRENTLY IN OPERATION ON U.S. CONTINENTAL
SHELF. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT THEY BE REGISTERED
AS AMERICAN VESSELS. DOT/U.S. COAST GUARD AND U.S.
CUSTOMS SERVICE/CARRIER RULINGS BRANCH WOULD BE APPRO-
PRIATE INITIAL REFERENCE POINTS FOR MOLKENBOER.

5. FYI. RE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS CONCERNING TREATMENT OF
ISSUES IN MILTILATERAL CONTEXT: OECD EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH
A CODE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT DOES NOT ENCOMPASS MILI-
TARY ITEMS. DUTCH PROPOSALS WILL BE EVALUATED ON THEIR
MERITS, ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT
TERM, AND NOT INSTITUTIONALLY IN FRAMEWORK OF NATO STAN-
DARDIZATION. DEPARTMENT REGRETS THAT RESPONSE IS NOT
DEFINITIVE ON SOME ISSUES RAISED BY EMBASSY, HOWEVER,
SOME ARE IN FORMATIVE POLICY STAGE. END FYI. KISSINGER
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